

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the current application. Claims 1-20 currently stand rejected, and claims 1, 4, 6, 10-14, 17, and 18 have been amended. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-20 are respectfully requested in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1-4, 6-15, and 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by US Pat 5,691,972 to Tsuga et al. ("Tsuga"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons detailed below.

With regard to claim 1, the Examiner states that Tsuga teaches each and every element of this claim, including title management information including a "title block having an entry title and at least one non-entry title" by its PGC attribute "block mode." Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the "entry title defin[es] a title block reproduction start point during a title jump and at least one non-entry title . . . is skipped during the title jump." Tsuga, however, teaches that its block mode data indicates only the storage position of the PGC attribute. See Tsuga, Col. 12, ll. 26-31. Tsuga does not teach or suggest that its block mode in any way defines which titles are to be reproduced or skipped during a title block jump operation. Thus, Tsuga does not teach the entry title and non-entry title of claim 1 as amended.

Because Tsuga does not teach each and every element of claim 1, Tsuga cannot anticipate or render obvious claim 1. Claims 10-12 and 17 recite apparatuses and methods configured to create or reproduce at least the unique features recited in claim 1 and are thus equally allowable over Tsuga. Claims 2-4, 6, 8, 9, 13-15, 18, and 19 are allowable at least for depending from an allowable base claim. Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1-4, 6, 8-15, and 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 5, 16 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Tsuga. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. As discussed above, Tsuga fails to teach or suggest each and every element of claims 1, 10-12 and 17, and cannot be modified to do so. Thus, Tsuga cannot anticipate or render obvious these claims. Claims 5, 16, and 20 are allowable at least for depending from an allowable base claim. Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 5, 16, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-20 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Ryan Alley at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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